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Dear Mr May - I thank you & then  
know very sincerely for your kind  
kind words & safe hands. I gave the other  
copy to Mrs Edmundson one of the kind  
pleased of women - the & William's  
sister. I had a letter today from my  
cousin in Ohio, who report the death of the  
advocate in very flattering terms. Mr. Hulst,  
a Frenchman, a ripe scholar & a man not given  
to talk rashly or to flatter, says "even when  
the editor's private letters to me were made  
published or inserted the paper kept on the  
even tenor of its way, calm, dispassionate &  
impartial giving to the English readers clear &  
more correct view of the true feel of the  
American question than they could readily  
obtain from other sources & delighting the  
eyes & hearts of the sympathizers with America  
the expression of encouragement & appreciation  
of our position here which would support their  
faint hopes under the darkest & unfeeling  
misrepresentation of the Times &c." Further  
on he tells me I had made up for the distant  
means of the advocate by resuming my cor-  
respondence with the Standard. There is great  
want here of a calm, dispassionate view of the  
state of the English mind with regard to the

struggle now going on here. The Americans  
are too ready to forget the healthy tone of  
a large portion of the working people & to  
resent the poisonous teachings of a large  
portion of the commercial men, the gutting  
the autonomy. I know of no paper whose  
extensive circulation on both sides of the  
Atlantic I would be more anxious for than  
the A. S. Advocate. Alas!"

As to the Standard I have told him I thought  
it better to be silent than to do mischief - for  
the state of public feeling on this side I would find  
it difficult not to do more harm than good by  
anything I might say. I must give my own  
real views of people & things both here & there &  
much of this might not be palatable & be possibly  
attributed to a one sided & unjust state of mind,  
as he himself has done with me.

The rampant treason & proslavery in the North  
are surely as dangerous & injurious to you as the  
open & unceasing hostility of Englishmen of all  
kinds & degrees. Your government seems to me  
to show a wonderful want of ability - whilst I  
have seen no sufficient explanation of the  
loss of Southern success.

This is a sore time of suspense for all who  
feel how much depends on the issue of the  
contest. The want of a great man is just now  
a terrible want to the Northern people.

I was disgusted by the enclosed scrap  
which I cut out of a London morning  
paper. Only think of a set of English aris-  
tocrats setting up a statue to Jackson in  
memory of his piety. Reverend Hope is  
a worthy opponent of the popular claims  
it is said to be a prime mover of the Saturday  
Review. I often feel of late like the Spider  
that Swift tells of, who cried that the world  
was coming to an end when the housemaid  
swept him down with her broom - all very  
earthly feel to be falling together.

It is a theory of mine that as people mock  
of the double in others the vices they are them-  
selves most prone to, so the boastful & arrogant  
English double the boastful & arrogant propen-  
sities of their American cousins. Thomas C.  
Kyle's letter to Miss Stan with the right nail  
in the head. He tells the truth about the  
English upper classes. He there and some thing  
imagery in the tendency of the wealthy &  
make off to look with favor on such a horrible  
social system as that of Slavery - or at least  
to convince themselves as to its inevitable  
atrocities.

Miss  
Fitts  
is  
now  
in  
London  
in  
hurry

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The spitting of the Pennsylvanians is  
uncomprehensible. Has the Government so  
spies that Lee has been able to outwit them  
so completely? Has not Lincoln indeed  
given to the Han Trow ruined the nation  
I am really concerned to hear of your  
continued illhealth. The experience of last  
year has made me feel more habitually  
than ever the poor terms by which we hold  
all things here - health, wealth, ~~for~~ the  
love of our dearest & nearest, & our own  
existence. Be sure to charge me with  
any photographs you send - & I would be  
glad if Dr Whipple could come with the  
rest. Miss Cobbe & Mrs. Lavinia are  
both at Aix les Bains in Savoy near  
Chambery. I have not heard lately of  
either. Alfred has gone to Switzerland  
for a short time with his wife. He attends  
to the money matters. All right about the  
2 standards for me

Yours most truly

Richd Webb

If my Ohio friend knew as much as I do of the  
anti-slavery English papers he would not feel  
so much struck by the advocates